Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - December 12th

Early Dismissal – Next Tuesday

Term 4 finishes next Tuesday at the earlier time of 1:30pm. Please note this in your family diary and ensure your child is picked up on time. Teachers will be on duty until 1:45pm. If you are unable to make it to school at that time, please make sure you book your child into our Team Kids Aftercare program, which will run until 6:15pm. School resumes next year for staff members on 27th January. Students will begin on Monday 30th January.

Capital Works Program - Building Works

Next Monday morning we will be meeting with the architects and the builders from the construction company that won the tender to build our new permanent classrooms, library, staff meeting room, and new student toilets. It is very exciting to finally have the building program underway.

Goodbyes

Next Tuesday we will be saying a final farewell to our 95 Year 6 six students — our largest cohort. This coming Friday night, the Year 6 students will arrive at school looking very grown up indeed, as they always do, for their farewell celebration. I feel sure I can speak for everyone who has had contact with this group of students when I say what a credit they are to the school, their families and themselves. Thank you to Zac Wilson, Cathy Wu, Lauren Ho, Katherine Oswin, Natalie Lorigan, and Kim Harrington for working with these lovely students during the past year. Also thank you to the many teachers who have been part of their lives since they started in Prep. The work that parents and teachers have done together over the past 12 years, and the students' efforts and choices during their schooling has helped to mould these Year 6 students into the lovely people they are today. I feel sure they will move on to secondary school and continue success in the next phase of their lives. Thank you also to the parents of the Year 6 students, who have worked so well on the organisation for Friday's special event — I know the students are very much looking forward to it, and I am sure the celebration will be very successful.

Farewell also to those other students and families who will be leaving Birralee this year. Your time here has been greatly appreciated and we would love to keep in contact throughout the years to come. You will always be welcome back at Birralee.

A special farewell once more to teachers Clinton Bowe and Carmela Licastro. Clinton is heading off to a promotion position at Serpell Primary School and Carmela is retiring from teaching. As I said in my last newsletter, both teachers will be really missed at Birralee by the students, staff members, and parents. I wish them both the very best in the next phase of their lives.

Wendy Lin will be taking 12 months leave.

Welcome to teachers Lauren Lu, who will be taking Mandarin next year, and to Ryan Horvat, who will be teaching with us next year in several capacities. Many of you will know Ryan, he has been the Director of Service at our Before and After School Care Program for the past couple of years.

School Crossing Supervisors - Peter & Chris

Thank you, Peter and Chris for the wonderful job you have done looking after our students and parents this year. Their happy smiles and lovely ways with our students are very much appreciated. To Peter, Efcharistó Pétro, Kalá Christoúgenna kai eftychisméno to néo étos and to Chris, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like to thank the members of the community who provided support to Chris during a recent incident at the crossing. Please remember that our crossing supervisors are there to keep our children safe. Please treat them with respect and apply extra care when driving through the crossing.

Ashley Ryan,

Principal

Word of the Week

Ebullient (adjective): having or showing liveliness and enthusiasm

Quote of the Week

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller



Library News – End of year





It is just a few weeks now until the school year ends, so <u>all library books need to be returned</u> for stocktaking. I will be sending home overdue notices next week and I'm sure teachers will be reminding students to get those books back ASAP. Take some time to search for any lost books – check under those beds and in the car! Otherwise, they do need to be paid for at the office.

A big **THANK YOU** to Maria and Kirsty, who have helped with sorting and delivering Book Club this year. Also, to those families who have donated books to the library. It is much appreciated.

I will be sad to see my Grade 6 library captains and helpers leave for high school. Thank you to Charlotte, Jerome, Sophie and Shanice, for all their time spent in the library at lunchtimes, and for helping with Book Fair and Book Club. Many other students have also helped to shelve returns and cover new books, so thank you to them as well.

I hope families will keep on reading with their children over the holidays and encourage them to use their local libraries. Don't forget that books make great Christmas presents too!

Happy holidays everyone! I will see you in the New Year.

Cherie Hicks - Birralee Librarian.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

- Tuesday 13th 8:30am 9am
- Thursday 15th 2:45pm 3:30pm

Cash only. Please bring small denominations.

If you have uniform items that you would like to donate please drop them off at the office.

Calendar

2022

December

Monday 12th School Council Meeting

Mon 12th—Fri 16th Junior School Swimming

Mon 12th—Fri 16th Grade 5 Swimming

Tuesday 13th Whole School Transition

Year 7 Transition Day

Thursday 15th Grade 6 Excursion

Friday 16th Year 6 Transition night

Tuesday 20th End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

2023

January

Monday 30th Term 1 commences for students

April

Thursday 6th End of Term 1—2:30pm dismissal

Monday 24th Start of Term 2

June

Friday 23rd End of Term 2—2:30pm dismissal

July

Monday 10th Start of Term 3

September

Friday 15th End of Term 3—2:30pm dismissal

October

Monday 2nd Start of Term 4

December

Wednesday 20th End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

Extracurricular Activities

We have various tutors and organisations who provide private tuition and programs before, during or after school. New programs are advertised via flyers or in the community news section of the newsletter. Enrolment forms may be available at the office or directly from the program organiser.

Name	Program		Contact
Lala Music	Music lessons and band for grade 3 - 6	Olivia	0419 131 868 lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au
Jill Scholfield	Piano	Jill	0401 972 664
Violin Program	Violin	Trent	0413 207 689 trentbunston@gmail.com
Kelly Sports	Multi-Sports & Basketball	Gary Hoskin	gary@kellysports.com.au kellysports.com.au/events
Slamin Tennis	Tennis	Vicky	0403 129 648
	(flyer below)		https://slamin.com.au/
Sporty Stars	Dance, Soccer, Basketball	Russ	
	(flyer below)		0422 043 853 info@sportystars.com.au
Team Kids	Out of school hours care		1300 035 000 https://teamkids.com.au/
Digimaker	Coding (starting term 2)		https://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol
	(flyer below)		
Chess Education	Chess Club	Nick	info@chesseducation.com.au
Bricks 4 Kidz	Lego building	Derek	0402 945 599
			hychong@bricks4kidz.com
			Bricks4kidz.com.au/mm

2nd Hand Uniforms

Contact Ida on 0478 083 589 to arrange an appointment.

Canteen

Lunch orders are available Tuesday to Friday. Orders can be placed in advance and need to be in by 9:00am for same day processing. To place an order download the Qkr! App. Click here for instructions on how to download and use Qkr!





BIRRALEE PRIMARY



7:00AM START 6:15PM END

ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

10th JAN · TUE

+ FOOSBALL KIT

Hop out of bed and come

straight to TeamKids! We're

holding the ultimate day time

slumber party! Wear your

'sleepy" games including 3D

popcorn craft and a bed time

relay race!







13th JAN • FRI

+ PAPER HELICOPTERS

Do you love soccer, netball and

American football?! Handy at

flying a frisbee? Then you're

going to love todays incursion!

We're playing ULTIMATE Frisbee!

All of these sports combined

make this fun NEW sport!

Base Fee



+ JUMPING FROGS

We're going on a cave hunt... Today we'll be dressing up and using props and set materials to make our very own SECRET caves! We'll make our characters come to life with a special group drama performance!



After Max CCS*

Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** **Daily Total**

\$13.00 \$88.00

Base Fee Exp Fee** **Daily Total**

After Max CCS*

\$81.00 \$12.15

\$75.00

\$6.00

11th JAN · WED



+ PAPER UMBRELLA

Today TeamKids will be BBBouncing about the basketball court! We'll be practising our hand eye pyjamas and get ready for some coordination and footwork skills as we learn some new tricks and games with basketballs! *Closed toe shoes rgd.

Base Fee

Exp Fee** \$18.00 \$93.00 **Daily Total** After Max CCS* \$13.95

\$75.00

12th JAN · THU



+ ALPHABET CHAT

Hola Señor! Today, we are off to the movies to see the highly anticipated animated film Puss In Boots: The Last Wish, Join Puss in Boots on his grandest quest yet! *Allergy Alert. *Packet Popcorn provided. *PG

Base Fee

Exp Fee** **Daily Total**

After Max CCS*

\$75.00

\$30.00 \$105.00

\$15.75

Exp Fee** \$20.00 \$95.00 **Daily Total** After Max CCS* \$14.25

20th JAN • FRI

\$75.00

16th JAN · MON

MAGIC BUBBLES

+ NINJA STRESS BALLS

It's time for the most

incrediBUBBLE show you have

ever seen with the King of

bubbles, Tim Credible! This

interactive magic show will POP

your little mind plus every child

will get to go inside a giant

bubble!

Base Fee

Exp Fee**

Daily Total

After Max CCS*

\$13.20

17th JAN • TUE



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

And a one, and a two and a... Get ready to get groovin' as we experiment with different instruments, songs and sounds before battling it out in teams to see who will be crowned the **ULTIMATE little rockers!**

+ CLOUD DOUGH

\$75.00

\$19.00

\$94.00

\$14.10

Rase Fee Exp Fee** **Daily Total**

\$91.00 After Max CCS* \$13.65

18th JAN · WED



COMIC BOOK HEROES

+ GRASSHOPPER PEGS

Today, we're transforming into state of the art storytellers with Comic Book Heroes! We'll switch on our imaginations, pick up a few pencils & create awesome cartoon storyboards to take

\$75.00

\$16.00

Base Fee Exp Fee** **Daily Total**

\$93.00 After Max CCS* \$13.95

19th JAN · THU



ROUNCE

+ THE "BEST" GAME

The sky's the limit at BOUNCE! We'll be bouncing off the walls as we explore this adrenalineinducing playground full of trampolines, awesome adventure features & soft padding, *Height restrictions apply & socks rqd.

Base Fee

Exp Fee** **Daily Total**

After Max CCS*

\$75.00

\$36.00

\$111.00

\$16.65

school Mixed Tape at TeamKids! This all-singing, all-dancing workshop will combine the best songs with some of the most iconic dance moves of all time. *Closed-toe shoes rqd.

+ PIGS MIGHT FLY

We'll be transfixed with an old



Base Fee Exp Fee** **Daily Total** \$75.00

\$16.00

\$91.00

After Max CCS* \$13.65

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. | **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy

\$75.00

\$18.00

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+ 3D SPACE PLANETS

Did you know that the Haka is a ceremonial Māori challenge? The dance is traditionally performed in a group to represent a tribe's pride, strength & unity, Today, we'll learn How to Haka at TeamKids!



Base Fee Exp Fee** Daily Total After Max CCS*

\$75.00 \$16.00 \$91.00

\$13.65

After Max CCS*

24th JAN • TUE



+ PAPER PLATE HEDGEHOGS

TeamKids is packed solid full of fun with Wooden Car Making! We'll pop on our safety goggles, pick up some tools & follow step-by-step instructions to create a moving model car to take home. *Closed-toe shoes required.

> Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total

\$92.00 \$13.80

25th JAN • WED



+ DIY KITE KIT

Today we are having an EPIC day of STEM! Our science, technology, engineering and maths skills will be put to the test! We're making awesome popsicle stick boats and watching lemon volcanos erupt plus more!

Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$6.00 Daily Total \$81.00

After Max CCS*

26th JAN • THU





It's our turn to crack the case today with this mysterious incursion! Our detective skills will be put to the test as we work in groups to solve clues and riddles... now this is an activity worth investigating!



Base Fee Exp Fee**

Daily Total

\$75.00 \$18.00

After Max CCS*

GETTING READY TO ATTEND...

Please ensure children are signed in no later than 9am.

What to wear

At TeamKids we love to get outside, so please remember to pack a hat - clearly labelled and wear suitable footwear for running around. Where possible avoid wearing singlets, thongs and open-toed shoes.

Ideally, please apply sunscreen before coming to the program, and the children will reapply later in the day. If your child is susceptible or reacts to different sunscreens, please bring your own sunscreen and bring this to the attention of our educators. The Cancer Council recommends using a high protection sunscreen (Minimum SPF 30) with a high UVA rating (4-star minimum).

Double Check TeamKids Room Location

It is very important to double check our website prior to attending, in case of a room change. We are sometimes required to temporarily change rooms due to school building maintenance over the school holidays. Last minute changes will be announced via SMS to attending families.

Medical Information? Have a Plan

If your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, an Allergy or any other medical condition, upload plans to your TeamKids account and bring along a completed Risk Minimisation Form, found on our website. Please provide required medications to your venue coordinator on the first day of attendance - In their original packaging, clearly labelled with your child's name and a use-by date.

**Please note children are unable to attend our venues without their medication and action plans.

Receiving Child Care Subsidy

After your TeamKids booking is placed, you must log into your MyGov account to check you have a confirmed enrolment.

Extended Hours of Operation

During the school holidays, our customer service team are available from 7:00 am till 6:00 pm.

Booking and Cancellations

Bookings are subject to availability and may be placed/ amended until the start of the session via your TeamKids online account. An additional fee of \$5 per child applies to bookings made within 7 days of attending.

Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee and will be charged accordingly. Cancellations made with more than 48 hours' notice will not be charged. In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to info@teamkids.com.au WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to avoid being charged for the booking. Please refer to our website for full cancellation T&C's.

Electronic Sign-In/Out

All TeamKids venues require electronic sign in/out. Any person signing your child in or out from TeamKids care MUST be listed on your TeamKids account and know your TeamKids account pin number, if this has been activated. These details can be updated via your TeamKids account at any time.

Pack a Healthy Lunch

A delicious, nutritious, morning and afternoon tea are provided in all programs. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle.

When packing your child's lunch, please consider that some children in attendance have been diagnosed with food allergies or the risk of anaphylaxis.

Additional Needs

For new families, our TeamKids Inclusion Manager will discuss attendance options for children with additional needs before they attend. Please contact Customer

Please note: We require a minimum of four weeks' notice for funding applications for children requiring an extra staff member to help support their time with us. Places cannot be guaranteed if less notice is given.

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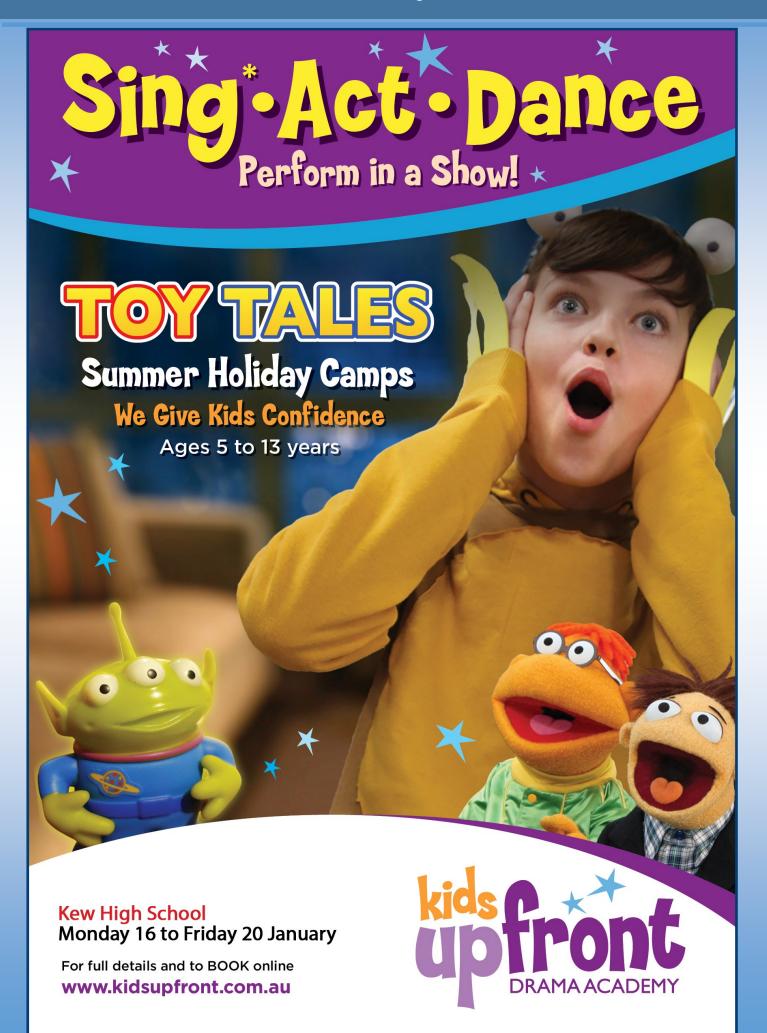








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COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ Birralee Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
 - .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 1 2023** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$210 excl GST

AFTER SCHOOL E

BATCH

3:40pm – 4:40pm Tuesdays 7th Feb to 4th Apr 2023

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Thursday 8th Dec 2022



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